

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 817

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert Wright “Bob” Peay, Sr., of Rutherford County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Robert Wright “Bob” Peay, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Bob Peay was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity for eight exemplary years as a Rutherford County Commissioner representing the Halls Hill/Kittrell area, in which position he earned the administration and respect of his peers and constituents alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, an advocate for Kittrell School, Mr. Peay was instrumental in saving the school and expanding it following the construction of Oakland and Riverdale High Schools in the early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, he also lent his leadership talents to his professional and community as a Plant Steward for the United Rubber Workers Local at Samsonite, President of the Kittrell Community Club, founding member of the Kittrell Volunteer Fire Department, and coach of several youth sports teams; and

WHEREAS, born on May 4, 1929, to James William Peay, Sr., and Mattie Pearl Wright Peay, Bob Peay was a graduate of Kittrell High School; and

WHEREAS, he bravely served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, and further served his fellow citizens as a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve (Seabees), from which he retired, for a total of twenty-six years of military service; and

WHEREAS, in addition to working as a Base Electrician at Sewart Air Force Base in Smyrna and at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, Bob Peay rendered sterling service at Samsonite Furniture Manufacturing Company in Murfreesboro until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of Antioch Church of Christ, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peay was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of nearly fifty years, Rebecca Louise Wiser Peay, and was the proud father of Robert W. Peay, Jr., Billie Jean Peay Summers, Alfred Gregory Peay, and Joseph Alan Peay; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, a public servant of the highest order, Mr. Peay will best be remembered as a community activist who championed causes that benefited the people of his community; and

WHEREAS, Bob Peay leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Robert Wright "Bob" Peay, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Peay.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.